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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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## Period for Reply

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 1998.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been:
1. ☐ received.
2. ☒ received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number) 08/126,515
3. ☐ received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

- 14) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 15) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 16) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). 4
- 18) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 19) ☒ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reissue Applications**

***Recapture Claims Rejection***

1. Claims 11-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper recapture of canceled claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. See *Hester Industries, Inc. v. Stein, Inc.*, 142 F.3d 1472, 46 USPQ2d 1641 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 45 USPQ2d 1161 (Fed. Cir. 1997); *Ball Corp. v. United States*, 729 F.2d 1429, 1436, 221 USPQ 289, 295 (Fed. Cir. 1984).

In the amendment dated December 27, 1994, applicant/patentee adds new features:

(a) "a plurality of information pits recorded on a plurality of recording tracks **as magnetization direction** at the recording surface in a magneto-optical recording operation";

(b) "the information pits are arranged with such a **high pit density as to be non-reproducible by a normal resolution reproducible by use of a light spot with a predetermined diameter but reproducible by a super resolution reproduction by use of a light spot the predetermined diameter**"; and

(c) "the address pit is **being arranged with such a low pit density as to be reproducible by a normal resolution**

**reproduction by use of the light spot of the predetermined diameter"** (emphasis added).

The above added features were argued and stated by the applicant/patentee. In response, the examiner allowed the '515 application with claims 1-10.

On the record, the newly submitted claims 11-23 without the aforementioned highlighted features.

In other words, the claims 11-23 are broader than original claims in manner directly pertinent to subject matter surrendered during prosecution.

Accordingly, the narrow scope of the claims in the patent was not an error within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 251, and the broader scope surrendered in the application for the patent cannot be recaptured by the filing of the present reissue application.

Examiner's attention is directed to MPEP 1412.02 and 1412.03.

***ALLOWANCE***

2. Claims 1-10 are allowable over the prior art of record.

3. Any response to this action should be mailed to:  
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier  
communications from the examiner should be directed to Kim CHU  
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